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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

THE HARRISONBURG GUARDS.—This military company has completed its organization, and reported to the State authorities. Before procuring arms, however, the law requires them to be uniformed. The uniforms will require a considerable outlay of money, and the citizens of the town are expected to contribute liberally for this purpose. The company desire, if possible, to be fully equipped and drilled by the 15th of May, in order to take part in the ceremonies of the anniversary of the Battle of New Market, and it is hoped that all persons will respond promptly to the call for assistance.

We have been requested to suggest to the ladies the property of holding a fair for the benefit of the company. It seems to us that the ladies, who never fail in any undertaking, could easily get up a fair in the course of the next month, and realize a handsome sum toward equipping the Harrisonburg Guards, in which all should take an interest.

NEW LAW FIRM.—Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Judge of the County Court, and Capt. B. G. Patterson, late of the firm of Haas & Patterson, have formed a copartnership for the practice of law in this and adjoining counties, in the United States Court and the Court of Appeals. The partnership, however, does not extend to the practice in the County Court, of which Col. O'Ferrall is judge.

All chancery suits and suits to enforce the collection of debts, with few exceptions, are initiated in the Circuit Courts of Virginia, and Col. O'Ferrall's position as judge does not preclude him from attending such cases.

GONE TO CINCINNATI.—We learn that Maj. C. B. Luck has accepted the position of superintendent of the celebrated Grand Hotel, of Cincinnati, Messrs. Gilmour & Sons, Proprietors. We congratulate our western friends on this valuable acquisition. Maj. Luck is well known as the most popular hotel manager in Virginia. His friends are legion and his reputation as a whole-souled, genial and accommodating host, is universally known to the traveling public. Cincinnati is indebted to Virginia for more good "Luck" than it has had for many a day.

GONE WEST.—Jos. T. Williams, colored, of this town, acting on the advice of H. Greeley, has gone West. Joe conducted the barbering business here for a number of years successfully, and for several years was an efficient member of the police force. He possesses intelligence far above the average of his race, and is a shrewd business man. Being polite and respectful and armed with an endorsement from a large number of the best and most influential citizens of the town, we predict he will not find much difficulty in securing lucrative employment.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The Town of Harrisonburg and the County of Highland, representing \$100,000 stock of the Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, will be seen by notice published in this issue, have united to be held in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, April 24th, 1877.

Those desiring to purchase real estate are directed to the advertisement of James C. Heltzel. A part of this valuable real estate has been sold, and bargains can be had in the remainder of the property he offers. For particulars see advertisement in this issue.

## COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Hon. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, presiding.

The will of Barbara Layman admitted to probate, and David Layman qualified as executor.

John W. Reynolds (Stonewall District) qualified as deputy for S. R. Sterling, treasurer.

Wm. W. Herring qualified as administrator of Jacob Herring, dec'd.

David Sowden qualified as committee for his father, Jacob Sowden.

Wm. G. Thompson, Samuel C. Williams, John H. Moore, Fred. Spick, Jos. A. Mitchell, A. E. Heneberger, M. Lindon and John G. Cootes qualified as Notaries Public for this county, for the term of four years from the date of their commissions respectively.

The will of George Miller, dec'd, admitted to probate.

Commonwealth vs. Reuben Long, for trespass—judgment for \$1.00 and costs confessed.

Commonwealth vs. Erasmus Coffman, colored, for attempted rape; jury and verdict ten years in the penitentiary. John Paul for Commonwealth and W. B. Lury and Winfield Liggett for prisoner.

Grand Jury made the following indictments on the first day of Court, viz: Robert Smith, for burglary; Marshall Brock, for grand larceny; Andrew Shifflett, Louis Lawson, Silas Morris and Burris Williams, for the murder of David G. Lawson.

Commonwealth vs. Daniel Hurley, for burglary; jury and verdict of not guilty. John Paul for Commonwealth and John E. Roller and R. B. Ragan for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Robert Smith, for burglary; jury and verdict of not guilty. John Paul for Commonwealth and B. G. Patterson for defendant.

Trial of Lewis Randal for attempted rape, continued until Monday next.

Philip F. Layman qualified as administrator of Margaret Garner, dec'd.

Grand Jury adjourned to Wednesday.

HARRISONBURG GRADED SCHOOL.—The following is a list of those pupils who have attained a high degree of excellence during the past week:

Department No. 1.—Teacher—Miss T. G. Herndon. Medalist—Fannie Conrad; Department—Charlotte Butler, Fannie Conrad, Bessie Conrad, Elsie Cummings, Jennie Davis, Robert Sullivan, Lee Treiber, Isaac Pinkus.

Department No. 2.—Teacher—Miss J. D. Gray. Medalist—Minnie Messersmith; Department—Jennie Fultz, Mollie Billheimer, Nannie Royer, Lillie Weiner, Maggie Weiner, Theresa Wise.

Department No. 3.—Teacher—Mr. B. Funk. Medalist—Eddie Glenn; Recitation—James Points, Thomas Weiner, Joseph Loewner, Lee Woodson, Kirby Bassford, Henry Newman, Henry Pinkus; Department—Henry Bassford, Kirby Bassford, Jas. Bowman, J. Fletcher, Preston Gray, Charlie Irvine, James Irvine, Joseph Loewner, Thos. Logan, Henry Newman, Henry Pinkus, Clarence Van Pelt, R. Willis, Thomas Weiner, R. E. Braithwaite, Luther Morrison.

Department No. 4.—Teacher—Mrs. Warren. Recitation—Lizzie Willis, Alma McAllister; Department—Lenora Wise, Dora Snyder, May Ott, Tabbie McAllister, Alma McAllister.

Department No. 5.—Teacher—Miss Lydia Van Pelt. Recitation—Charlie Loewner, Carter Sprinkel, Willie Fultz, Lennie Fultz, Robert Lee, Joseph Logan; Department—Charlie Billheimer, Joseph Willis, Willie Clary, Robert Dwyer.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NEW MARKET.—The Ladies Memorial Association, of New Market, have invited Gen. John Echols, of Staunton, to deliver before them at the next anniversary of the Battle of New Market, May 15th, an eulogy upon the life and character of the statesman and warrior, Gen. John C. Breckinridge. It is proposed to make the occasion a reunion of all survivors of that decisive battle, where 3,000 Confederates, under Breckinridge, routed 12,000 Federals, under Sigel. It was in that battle that the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute so distinguished themselves, and the corps of cadets from that institution are expected to take part in the ceremonies at the next anniversary. Among other military organizations expected on the occasion are the 10th Va. Regiment, Rice's Battery, and an invitation will be extended to all Confederate soldiers. It is probable that the volunteer companies of Rockingham and Augusta will also be invited.

MILITARY COMPANIES.—Efforts are being made to organize volunteer military companies in different parts of Rockingham county. "The Valley Rangers," a cavalry company from the neighborhood of Lacey Springs in that county during the war, is about to be reorganized. This county could have enough good volunteer companies to form a regiment if the different neighborhoods would go to work to form them. The young men of this county should love no time in organizing companies if they do not wish to let those of Rockingham get ahead of them.—Staunton Spectator.

Our military ardor has roused our neighbors of Augusta. Will the Rockingham boys allow Augusta to get ahead of them in the organization of a volunteer regiment? We think not, and therefore urge our young men to rally at once, and form companies. We have some pride in this matter, and desire to see a full regiment of finely equipped "saber" boys in Rockingham at as early a day as possible.

## BREVITIES.

Cine-na-ti can hold you. Good-bye, Major. An un-lucky day for our hotels.

Don't ven a Free-man was on guard before. We will have a "Goods" Hotel to-morrow.

Yesterday, the 21st was the vernal equinox.

The burnt record committee meets to-morrow.

We will feel so awful jolly when the band begins to play.

Efforts are being made to organize a Cavalry Company at McGaheysville.

Col. C. T. O'Ferrall and Cap. B. G. Patterson have formed a law co-partnership.

The old Ott building, corner of Main and East Market street, is being repaired.

The Royal Land Company's railroad depot at Orange Court House has been completed.

We subscribed for a "horn" yesterday, and are ready to have our names put down for more.

The Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company have established a telegraph office at Broadway.

The Harrisonburg Guards has secured a room in the Greiner Building, on East Market street, for an armory.

The appointments of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South are published in full in this issue.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the W. C. & St. L. Railroad has been called for April 22nd, at Harrisonburg.

Attention is directed to the new announcement of Mr. A. C. Rohr in this issue. He is replenishing and enlarging his stock.

Jos. T. Williams, barber, has sold out to his assistants, Clay, Bob and Scott, all of whom are very good tonorial artists.

The White Sulphur Springs Hotel, which was recently struck at a cost of \$33,000, was burned last week. Loss \$45,000.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by a snow storm. There was another slight fall of snow on Monday. "Come, gentle spring, &c."

The train on the Valley Railroad ran from Harrisonburg to Staunton, twenty six miles, on Saturday evening last in forty five minutes.

The Spotswood Hotel, in this town, from and after to day will be under the control of Samuel Goode, Esq., a hotel manager of large experience.

About twenty citizens of Staunton have been indicted for gambling. That was a great mistake. Gambling houses are necessary for a "city."

The Royal Land Company has advertised for 500,000 cross ties, to be delivered on the line of its road between Orange Court House and Fredericksburg.

Ras Coffman, colored, on the charge of attempted rape, was convicted in the County Court on Monday, and his punishment fixed at ten years in the Penitentiary.

The Directors of the Baldwin Augusta Agricultural Society at its last meeting elected A. A. Sprule President in the place of John Towberman, resigned. The next fair will commence October 8th.

Rev. W. G. Eggleston is the new Methodist minister for Harrisonburg. Dr. Roszell goes to Frederick City, Maryland, and Rev. Isaac W. Canter, formerly here, to Lexington, Va.

Chas. E. Haas, attorney-at-law, has removed his office to the rooms over L. H. Ott's Drug Store, where he will be pleased to see his clients and friends.

At a meeting of the Harrisonburg Guards, on Tuesday evening last, John E. Braithwaite was elected Quarter master, in place of Wm. B. Lury, resigned, and Chas. W. Williams was elected Secretary.

Any one who has any occasion to replenish their wardrobe with Spring and Summer Clothing, can save money by calling on C. N. Harper, German street, opposite the jail.—Satisfaction guaranteed.

Ras Coffman, the colored individual who was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years on Monday, for attempted rape, opened and closed his case with prayer. He is now confined that the prayers of the unrighteous avail nothing.

Monday, (Court-day) was a day of success for Dr. Harper's Electric Compound. He sold it by the pint as well as by the small bottle. The Doctor defies competition in his Compound. You can buy it on German street, opposite the jail.

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## LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM BRIDGEWATER.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.—We are not entirely satisfied that the advice given by the Register in its last issue, that "the best thing a man can do who is dissatisfied with the political situation, is to go to work," is correct. We imagine that every time the "pew" would strike a stump or stone, the fellow would be heard to "mutter curses, not loud (7) but deep," because of his inability to obtain an office under the existing registry, which he would undoubtedly have been able to do had Mr. Hayes been "counted in."

GONE WEST.—Mr. D. A. Fisher, of our place, left for W. Va. on Monday last. We are sorry to see that some of our mechanics find it necessary to leave their native State in order that they may obtain employment. Let the Legislature tax whiskey, skin the dogs, that sheep may grow in their stead; compromise the State debt; issue money; adjourn and go home, or do something else to improve the condition of our domestic affairs and restore prosperity. Then we may be able to retain our young men.

LOST.—One of our most prominent business citizens was, a few days since, slyly and cautiously making his way to the river, armed with rod and line and a gourd full of "worms." On his way he was unexpectedly met by a gentleman, who expressed great astonishment at finding him thus employed. The business "crit" evidently felt somewhat humiliated by this salutation, and promised to reward the "worthy" with a couple of members of the finny tribe, provided he would keep silent about the matter; but, as the fishes have never been received, we presume the gentleman with the pole, line and "worms" has been lost, drowned or otherwise disposed of. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be suitably rewarded and thankfully received by the expectant recipient, who thinks it a long time to have to wait for his prey.

P. S.—Since the above was written, the lost has been found. He returned with one trout something less than a yard long and \$200 in greenbacks. Everybody happy.

PERSONAL.—We were rejoiced a few days since to once more be privileged to grasp the hand of our gentle friend, Jas. McD. Adair, of Lexington, who was so long a resident of Bridgewater. We are also glad to be able to record that he is prospering at his new home. We feel fully justified in saying that no citizen of Lexington is more worthy of patronage or will deal more justly with those who have business relations with him, than McDaid.

He was on his way to New York, for the purpose of laying in a spring stock of merchandise for his market.

IMPROVING.—We are glad to be able to state that our esteemed friend and fellow-citizen, St. Clair Kyle, who was paralyzed several weeks since, is recovering, and we are happy to once more welcome his genial face upon our streets.

The little son of Mr. Solomon Wine, of Money Creek, who was so severely injured by a fall from a horse, the circumstances of which were published in the COMMONWEALTH at the time, has so far recovered as to be regarded as comparatively out of danger.

N. G. R. R.—The work on the Narrow Gauge is being steadily pushed forward. The Company is getting out the necessary lumber for trestles, bridges, &c., on the lands of Mr. Jas. F. Lowman, near Rawley Springs, at the rate of about 5,000 feet per day. "Push along, keep moving," gentlemen, we are waiting very impatiently for the sound of the steam whistle.

ARTIST.—Mr. J. M. Wheeler has opened a photograph gallery in our town. He is an excellent artist, and guarantees satisfaction in every instance. Give him a call, and we warrant you will go away fully impressed that you are better looking than you ever dared to imagine yourself to be. Prices moderate, and Mr. Wheeler courteous and gentlemanly.

NEW ENTERPRISES.—Several new enterprises are being projected here, of which we will write more next week.

MAIL ROUTE.—The mail route from Harrisonburg to Augusta Springs—daily to Bridgewater and tri weekly to the Springs—has been let to Mr. Chas. M. Furry, of this place, for \$437.50, with J. W. F. Allemon and Jacob Shickle as sureties.

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